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1. The railroads of the Eastern Zone have a total of 5721 steam locomotives, of which 3326 are in operating condition. These locomotives are assigned as follows:

Berlin	159
Cottbus	244
Dresden	596
Erfurt	461
Greifswald	184
Halle	626
Magdeburg	554
Schwerin	202

2. Among the locomotives there are 376 column locomotives (Kolonnenloks) of which 328 are in operating condition (types 50,52,01,42). There are 471 light locomotives of which only 225 are in operating condition. Besides, the East Zone railroad has a number of foreign-make locomotives of which only 36 are in operating condition.
3. The lignite dust locomotives which are being converted in the RAW Stendal are still undergoing tests. Final results depend on the completion of a locomotive testing car. No experiments have as yet been made with bituminous coal dust.
4. All maintenance and repair work suffers from a shortage of materials, especially soot pipes, tires, and cotters (Splinte). Coal supplies are low.
5. According to a statement of the deputy director-general, the arrival of 9,000 freight cars is expected from the East, so that the maintenance schedule will be increased by 6,000 G2 and 1,500 each of G4 and G5 categories.

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6. According to a report of the railroad administration of the Eastern Zone of 3 February 1950, the freight car park consists of 78,750 operating cars (47,323 loaded and 31,427 empty cars), an average of 14,460 cars needing repairs, 195 blocked cars, 11,477 cars for special use, and 1,629 cars in reserve. Some 13,000 cars are in foreign countries, while 8,000 cars are to be disassembled for salvage.
7. The stock of cars for railroad personnel amounts to 6,845. It is estimated that during the course of the year 1,000 of these cars will have to be painted and 2,000 given a general cleaning.
8. In addition to freight cars, there are approximately 3,600 narrow-gauge freight cars and 750 narrow-gauge passenger cars.
9. In the future, freight cars will be divided into categories, similar to those of passenger cars, and allotted to the various railroad maintenance shops.

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